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## Grand Teton National Park News Release

### **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ACQUIRES KEY INHOLDING IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**

*Snake River Ranch, National Park Service, The Conservation Fund,  
and Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Partner to Protect Critical Land in Jackson Hole*

The National Park Service announced today that a 35-acre tract of land at the southwest boundary of Grand Teton National Park was purchased to protect critical wildlife habitat and preserve the magnificent viewshed of the Teton Range. Formerly owned by the Resor, Hauge and Laughlin families of the Snake River Ranch, the land is located just west of the Granite Canyon entrance station on the Moose-Wilson Road.

With assistance from The Conservation Fund, this 35-acre tract is the second, large-scale private acreage that Grand Teton National Park has purchased in the past 18 months. Through the generosity of the landowners, the \$6.5 million purchase price was substantially below market value. The inholding was acquired with money from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is dedicated to the purchase of park lands, wildlife habitat, historical sites and other public land priorities. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is financed primarily through royalties from offshore oil and gas production.

In making today's announcement, Director of the National Park Service Fran P. Mainella said, "Acquisition of these 35 acres is another important step in Grand Teton National Park's land protection efforts. The National Park Service is deeply appreciative of both the assistance from The Conservation Fund and the generosity of the Resor, Hauge and Laughlin families."

The Wyoming congressional delegation was particularly instrumental in securing the land protection funds for the National Park Service. U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin (R-WY) commented, "Today we are witnessing another great victory in the ongoing efforts to protect Grand Teton National Park's rugged beauty and unparalleled character. Purchase of this additional 35 acres ensures that the foreground of the Teton Range is preserved and important wildlife habitat protected along the park's southwest boundary."

As spokesperson for the Snake River Ranch families, Bill Resor said, "From the time my grandfather bought this part of the ranch in 1953, our family has always hoped that it would remain as open land. We are very pleased that this acreage will now be a permanent part of Grand Teton National Park."


In addition to long-term preservation of Teton views and open space near Teton Village, the addition eliminates and restores an old gravel pit site within the park's boundary. The property will be available for public access and includes over one quarter mile of Granite Creek, a popular fishing stream that also provides critical habitat for Snake River cutthroat trout.

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The Conservation Fund's involvement was made possible by using a portion of a \$2.14 million grant received from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation as part of the Foundation's Greater Yellowstone Land Conservation Initiative. "We are proud to help ensure continuing protection of wildlife habitat in a true icon of American conservation, Grand Teton National Park," said Peter Howell, Program Director for the Environment at the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. "We salute the public and private partners for their leadership, which was critical to the success of this important project."

The Foundation's Greater Yellowstone Initiative seeks to conserve ecologically significant habitats and to improve land use planning in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Other project partners include the Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Sonoran Institute, the Land Trust Alliance, and the Institute for Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming.

The Conservation Fund, a national non-profit organization, acts to protect America's legacy of land and water resources in partnership with other organizations, public agency foundations, corporations and individuals. With 95 percent of all contributions going directly into its conservation projects, The Conservation Fund is recognized as one of the nation's most efficient conservation organizations by prominent nonprofit watchdog groups.

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